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## Short Stories Exam Prep Sheet

### **INTRODUCTION:**

For your Short Stories Exam on Tuesday, you will be asked to fill in an outline for a compare/contrast essay. You will not need to write the full essay out -- just the outline. To help you prepare for the outline, we are providing you with this preparation sheet. Please fill out the chart below, following the steps and using specific quotes for evidence in your responses. ***NOTE: You will be allowed to use this sheet AND your 7th Grade Reader on the exam!***

### **DIRECTIONS:**

#### **STEP #1**

Choose one character from each of our short stories (the options are listed on the next page).

#### **STEP #2**

Identify and describe a similarity and a difference in the values of the characters you selected. In other words, you will find one value they both share ***AND a difference in their values***, and then you will explain how each character's value is similar/different from each other, using evidence to back up your responses.

→ ***You must use specific quotes to support your answers.***

#### **STEP #3**

When you have finished each section on the similarity and difference in values, **write a conclusion** that describes the following:

- Which of the two characters you chose **demonstrated the greatest change in values** over the course of his/her story.
- **How this change in values happens** for this character and **why it is significant** in the character's life.

## STEP #1: Choosing the Characters

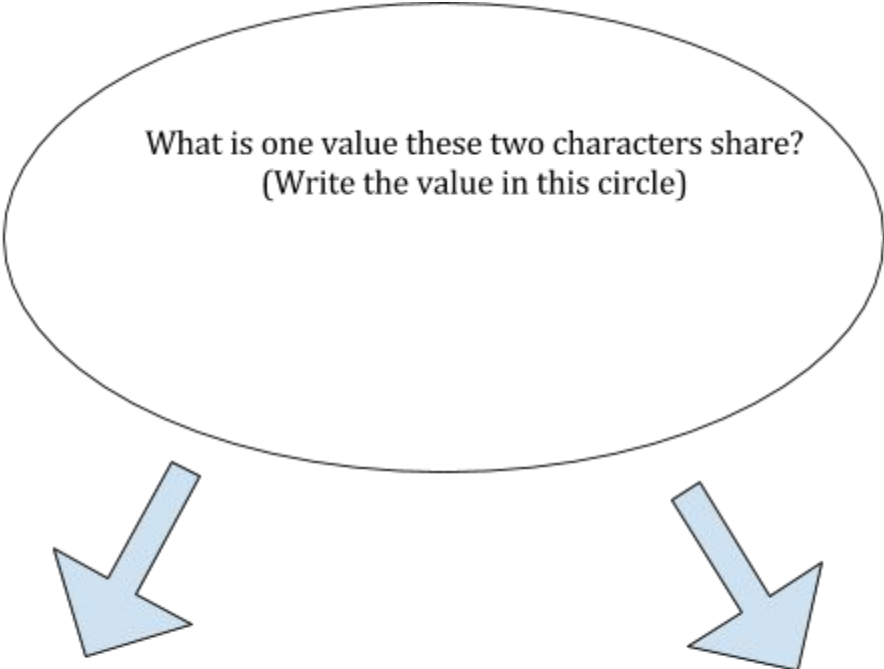
*Select ONE character from each of the lists below. Choose two characters that have one value in common and one value that is different from one another.*

"Flowers for Algernon"	"So Much Unfairness of Things"
Charlie Gordon	P.S.
Miss Kinnian	Dr. Fairfax
Dr. Strauss	Mr. Seaton
Dr. Nemur	Jumbo

## STEP #2: Values in Common (Compare)

*Fill out the chart below. You will use this for the outline on the exam on Tuesday. Please make sure to use **specific quotes** in the boxes below. Please **include page numbers** for each quote.*

What is one value these two characters share?  
(Write the value in this circle)



Quote from "**Flowers from Algernon**" that shows this value

Quote from "**So Much Unfairness of Things**" that shows this value

## Step #2: Difference in Values (Contrast)

What are two values that differ between these characters?  
(Write each character's value in the circle)

Quote from "**Flowers from Algernon**" that shows this character's value

Quote from "**So Much Unfairness of Things**" that shows this character's value

## Step #3: Conclusion

Write a conclusion that describes the following:

- Which of the two characters you chose **demonstrated the greatest change in values** over the course of his/her story.
- **How this change in values happens** for this character and **why it is significant** in the character's life.

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